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**VENABLE**  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket: 31512-168762

Re: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR RECOVERING AND RECYCLING TOBACCO DUST

Sir:

Please find attached hereto a patent application which includes:

- ☒ Specification, Claims, Abstract.
- ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Formal Drawings (Three sheets, Figs. 1-3).
- ☒ Assignment and certified cover sheet.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 with references cited.
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent Application No. 100 07 485.5 filed February 18, 2000, certified copy enclosed.

**Fees:** (see formula below) Check Enclosed

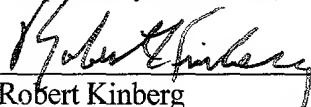
Basic Fee: \$710.00/355.00 .....	\$ 710.00
Additional Claim Fee .....	54.00
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**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED FOR THE ABOVE APPLICATION... \$804.00**

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